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TAGS: SHUM PINS CASC YO
SUBJ: MIHAJLOV CASE AND NEW PENAL CODE

REF: STATE 4096, 76 BELGRADE 844, 76 STATE 311095

1. ASSUME DEPARTMENT HAS SEEN RECENT UPI STORIES FROM BELGRADE
AND HAMBURG RE MIHAJLOV'S REPORTED CONDITION.

2. EMBASSY IS ATTEMPTING TO PURCHASE TWO EXTRA COPIES OF THE
SLUZBENI LIST WHICH PUBLISHED TEXT OF NEW CRIMINAL CODE. IF
WE CANNOT BUY EXTRA COPIES, WE WILL MAKE PHOTO COPIES
AND POUCH ASAP.

3. CONSULAR SECTION HAS COMPLETED INITIAL COMPARISON OF OLD
AND NEW CRIMINAL CODES AND FINDS NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES.
CONCEPT OF "STRICT IMPRISONMENT" SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN ABOLISHED.
THERE ARE MANY MORE INTRODUCTORY NOTES AND EXPLANATORY
ARTICLES AND ALL ARTICLES HAVE BEEN RENUMBERED. SOME MANDATORY
SENTENCES HAVE BEEN INCREASED AND SOME DECREASED.

4. RE PARAGRAPH 4 OF 76 STATE 311095: ARTICLE 133 IN NEW CODE
IS OLD ARTICLE 122 WHICH ALSO INCLUDED SENTENCE OF UP TO
TEN YEARS OR DEATH FOR "GRAVE CRIMINAL OFFENSES AGAINST THE
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PEOPLE AND THE STATE". THE CRIMINAL SANCTIONS IN NEW ARTICLES
(133 AND 139) DO NOT APPEAR TO BE GREATER THAN IN OLD ARTICLES
(118 AND 122). WE SEE NOTHING IN NEW CODE WHICH PROVIDES
DEATH PENALTY FOR "POLITICAL DISSIDENCE" AS REPORTED BY MRS.
IVUSIC.

5. WE WILL GO OVER THESE AND OTHER ARTICLES AGAIN WHEN

TRANSLATION ARRIVES. YORK

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